

October 2008 Volunteer of the Month

SHERRY BORCHERDING



Sherry Borcharding grew up in Texas and relocated to Columbia in 1970. She is a retired occupational therapist and currently teaches a class at the University of Missouri. Sherry is the mother of two children, Steven and Kristen.

Sherry wanted to help following Hurricane Katrina, but didn't have training. Since then, she has become active with the Columbia/Boone County Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), the Columbia Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and has trained with the Red Cross.

Sherry spent the last two years as an MRC volunteer with the Columbia Boone County Health Department, where she helps with flu vaccination clinics. The MRC was organized to provide trained medical, mental health and administrative support to the community in the event of a health emergency. Volunteers like Sherry allow the agency to better serve the citizens of Columbia and Boone County.

Want to Volunteer? Go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call the Office of Volunteer Services at (573) 874-7499.

- Written by volunteer Donna Lester

Heritage Festival Thank You

The 31st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, coordinated by Columbia Parks & Recreation, was held Sept. 20-21 at Nifong Park. Parks & Recreation wishes to thank the following for their support: Boehmer Chiropractic and Acupuncture, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Program; Columbia Daily Tribune; ABC 17/FOX 17/MY ZOU 32/ABC Stormtrack 24/7, Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers; Walter's Boone County Historical Museum and staff; the individuals participating in the 1859 town, the Lewis & Clark camp, and the cowboy camp; the Metro Rotary Club; and the many artisans, craft persons, volunteers and others who make the festival possible. A special thanks to all who attended and showed their support!

Help Grow Solar Energy in Columbia

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Solar energy is a wonderful renewable energy resource but more costly than other renewable options in our region. In order to offer a solar energy option to our customers, Solar One was developed for those who could afford this energy.

In the first year, it is estimated that Solar One energy would be sold to 140 customers in 100 kilowatt hour blocks for \$48 annually or \$4 a month. Electric customers who sign up for Solar One would have this charge added to their monthly utility bill. They would still pay the normal rate for the electricity they use.

A list of interested customers is being collected by Columbia Water & Light on an ongoing basis. Customers will be signed up on a first-come, first-served basis as the energy becomes available.

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“Invest in local solar energy for \$4 a month.”

Be a Leader in the Community

The City is accepting applications for the following boards and commissions.

- Cultural Affairs Commission
- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission
- Community Development Commission

Applications and current vacancies are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office.

Call 874-7208 for information and requirements.

**Application deadline:
Noon, Oct. 3**

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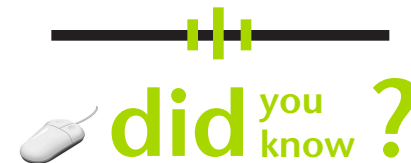


Educational tools promoting good oral health

This month, the City of Columbia kicks off the Share the Light program's eighth year. Share the Light allows utility customers to make one-time or ongoing contributions to six areas of City programs and activities. These funds allow the City to carry out programs that would not be possible otherwise.

Funds donated through Share the Light have been used to: educate young children about the importance of dental hygiene; purchase smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for low-income families and seniors; fund scholarships for children from low-income families to participate in recreational activities; purchase mulch, bulbs and annual flowers for Adopt-A-Spots maintained by volunteers; maintain public art pieces; and defray the cost of the Columbia Police Volunteers program.

Since the Share the Light program began in 2001, generous Columbians have shared nearly \$115,000. The remittance envelope with your September bill includes additional information about the program and how you can help. You may also sign up online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. Thanks to all who have supported Share the Light in the past and plan to help in the future.



You can begin your contribution to Share The Light by completing a form online! Learn more about how funds from Share the Light are used to enhance Columbia.

The form can be found on the Office of Volunteer Services Web page under the Columbia Trust.

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Safety in the Classroom

Kids need a safe and comfortable environment to learn to the best of their capabilities. The National Crime Prevention Council offers the following to help parents make the learning experience safer for children in the classroom.

- Talk to your children about their day. Ask if anyone is being bullied, if they are being bullied or if anything makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends or torn clothing.
- Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Explain that fighting could lead to them getting hurt, hurting someone else or being labeled a bully. Tell them about other ways to deal with problems, such as talking, walking away, sticking with friends or telling a trusted adult.
- Monitor your children's Internet use. Find out if students are supervised when using the Internet at school or if there is a blocking device installed to prevent them from finding explicit Web sites. Talk to them about what they do online, sites they visit, who they email and who they chat with.
- Ask about the school's safety and emergency plans. How are students and parents involved? What emergencies have been considered and planned for?

'Keys to the City' Scheduled for Oct. 18

Who holds the keys to the city? You – our citizens! Please join the City of Columbia on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the ARC, 1701 West Ash, for “Keys to the City” – a civic awareness event. The event is free and open to the public.

“Keys to the City” will have three components:

- Office hours with members of City Council
- Presentations from key City staff (Department heads and other senior staff will make presentations on issues of interest to the public and take time to interact.)
- An information fair featuring displays from many City offices where you can get information and resources about your local government

To find out more about “Keys to the City,” contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7504 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



Festival Thanks

Thank You For Your Support!

Sept. 27-28 marked the 17th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, the signature event of the City's Office of Cultural Affairs. The event could not take place without the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of sponsors. Thanks to all, especially: Boone County National Bank, CenturyTel, the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau's Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Commerce Bank, Dave Griggs' Flooring America, Days Inn and Travelodge, Deck the Walls, KBIA 91.3, KOMU8 and the CW, MFA Oil, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Missouri Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and Regency Hotel Downtown.

Fifth Annual Hinkson Clean Sweep

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Spend a morning helping clean Columbia's streams at the HINKSON CLEAN SWEEP 2008, Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone can participate. Wear sturdy, old shoes that can get wet. Supplies will be provided, as well as pizza and drinks afterward. Prizes will be awarded for the weirdest trash.

Register online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Volunteer or call 874-7499 to leave your contact information and the site you will clean. If participating as a group, include the approximate number.

After registering, go to one of the five sites listed below on the day of the Clean Sweep. Signs will be posted near the sites. Supplies will be distributed at the streams. Site 2 is handicapped accessible and most appropriate for young children.

Site 1: Walnut Street Bridge over Hinkson Creek: Take Old 63 to Walnut Street north of Stephens Lake. Go east to the bridge at the end of the street.

Site 2: Flat Branch Tributary to Hinkson Creek: Downtown Columbia. Flat Branch Park at Fourth and Broadway. Site is fully handicapped accessible and appropriate for young children.

Site 3: Hinkson Creek Valley Neighborhood: Old 63 at Bluffdale Drive (North of Shepard Boulevard at Old 63). Turn west on Bluffdale where Hinkson flows under Old 63. Park on Bluffdale.

Site 4: Flat Branch Tributary to Hinkson Creek: Along the MKT Trail at Martin Luther King Memorial on Stadium. Meet at the trailhead parking lot.

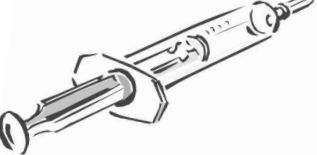
Site 5: Bear Creek at Big Bear Boulevard: Take Rangeline Road about ¼ mile north of I-70. Turn east on Big Bear Boulevard and park at the end of the road.

Sponsored by City of Columbia Public Works, Boone County Public Works, Sierra Club Water Sentinels, Missouri Stream Teams and the Sierra Club Osage Group

Thanks to prize sponsors:
Wal-Mart & Best Buy.



Columbia/Boone County Health Department Flu Clinics



For dates, costs and additional information, please visit the Columbia/Boone County Health Department's page of the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Tree Power

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO PLANT
A TREE AND SAVE SOME ENERGY



Sign up for Columbia Water and Light's Tree Power program and we'll show you the best spot for your free shade tree!

Then sit back and watch your energy savings grow. Electric Customers call 874-7325 or sign up at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



Youth Recreation Scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers youth financial assistance scholarships for Columbia residents through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The program is open to those between 3 and 17 who meet the income/household criteria established by the USDA's free and reduced lunch program.

Financial assistance is available for 50 or 75 percent depending on the household. Scholarships can be used for recreational classes and programs, outdoor pool passes and ARC memberships.

For more information, call 874-7460. Application forms can be obtained at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Fire Prevention Week



How many times have you left the house and wondered, "Did I turn off the stove?" With our busy lives, the safety of our homes and families is often an afterthought.

The Columbia Fire Department wants you to make sure the stove burner is turned off or the damaged electrical cord you've been meaning to fix is your top priority during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11. The theme of this year's campaign, "Prevent Home Fires," focuses on the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials.

According to the latest statistics from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were an estimated 396,000 reported home structure fires in 2006, resulting in 2,580 civilian deaths, 12,500 civilian injuries and \$6.8 billion in direct damage in the United States. Home fires caused 80 percent of civilian deaths and 76 percent of injuries.

Follow these home fire prevention tips:

- Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- Heating: Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Electrical: Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- Smoking: If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

- Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com
- Call 874-7460 for more information.

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October 12
One Sky, One World Day,
Cosmo-Bethel Park,
10 a.m.-4 p.m., free

October 17
OAK/50+ Autumn Dance,
Stephens Lake Activity Center,
7-10 p.m., \$3

October 19
Kids Duathlon,
Lemone Industrial Boulevard,
3 p.m., \$20

October 27
Holiday Toy Drive kicks off,
runs through Dec. 19

October 31
Halloween Tiger Night of Fun,
Hearnes Center, 6-8 p.m., free

(cut along line)